

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 31, 1897.

Ring out wild bells to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light, The year is dying in the night, Ring out wild bells and let him die.

Editorial Notes.

The ACADIAN wishes all its readers a bright and prosperous New Year.

What about the Board of Trade? Everybody is talking about it, why don't somebody act? Such an institution would be of immense value to the town.

A quantity of matter prepared for this issue has been unavoidably crowded out. Contributors will please have their matter in as early in the week as possible.

We commend to the attention of parents a letter elsewhere in this issue on the cigarette habit. The ACADIAN has referred to the matter before. The letter is timely and we trust may set some of our people thinking.

In another column we present the first half of a very full report of the late meeting of the Teachers' Institute at Hantsport. It will be completed next week. It occupies considerable space, but the subject is of sufficient interest to warrant it.

In the letter of Mr. A. L. Davison in last issue an error in composition made the word "delicited" "illicit." The mistake was such a glaring one as to be patent to the casual reader, but we make the explanation to set our correspondent right with the public.

Frequent complaint is made that the Dominion Atlantic railway does not make sufficient provision for an increase in accommodation to provide for the increase in travel on account of excursion rates. When the management offers special inducements to the public to patronize their road they should have faith enough to believe that their offer will be accepted. On Christmas day the cars were crowded as usual. An extra car or two would provide seating for the increase number of passengers and add to the comfort of patrons of the road.

The news that Wolfville is to have a new summer hotel on an elaborate plan will be received with pleasure by our people. It is reported that a strong company to be known as the Nova Scotia Hotel and Improvement Co., has been formed and that a hotel on a grand scale is to be erected at Wolfville in time for the 1898 tourist season. The site selected is on Highland avenue where a lot of 8 1/2 acres has been secured. Cost of construction is placed at \$25,500, with taxes, salaries, advertising, food for 100 guests, one season, etc., at \$8,700 more. The net revenue is estimated at \$11,550. We trust that the news is not too good to be true.

A Timely Warning.

DEAR ACADIAN—I wish to call the attention of your readers to a giant evil abroad in your fair town. I refer to the Cigarette Fiend.

I notice as I walk your streets, your homes are fair and lovely, your school buildings are a credit to the town, and no doubt you have a good and efficient staff of teachers. I gather from these as well as other signs you have the well-being of your children at heart. But, parents, I wish I could shout in your ears, a thief is stealing your boys, making wrecks of them mentally, morally and physically, while still in their boyhood.

I need not stop to discuss the question of the use of tobacco in any form being injurious, every intelligent person agrees as to that. I merely wish in the present case to call the attention of parents, and lovers of the young, to the prevalence of the cigarette habit. If you think I magnify the evil, I simply ask you to take pains to see for yourselves whether I am in error or not. Perhaps you think other boys may smoke, but my boy does not. Don't be too sure, my dear father or mother. Your boy is just as likely to be led astray as another, and the habit is very easily formed, once formed it is hard to give up. I congratulate you on your success in putting down the liquor traffic, but, friends, much yet remains to be done if you would see your boys grow up to noble, healthy manhood, which they cannot do if poisoned in youth by tobacco.

A LOVER OF THE CHILDREN.

A Moral Crusader.

We find in the Methodist Young People's Paper Outward the following eminently true expression about the Canadian Press. We agree with Outward in saying that the Press of Canada, taken for all in all, is as high-toned as that of any country in the world. Our readers will have no difficulty in recognizing the Montreal Witness as the paper specially referred to. "Nowhere, we think, is there a press of higher moral tone than that of our beloved country. It possesses, we think, the unique distinction of having a leading journal in its largest city which for over fifty years has been a moral crusader, a champion of reform. In all that time it has not published one liquor or tobacco, or theatrical advertisement. At the sacrifice of much money it has stood true to its high principle, and stands longshore, a tower of strength, against all the winds that blow."

The People's Forum.

To the Editor of the Acadian.

Sir,—Circumstances connected with my recent visit to your town render it desirable to make clear certain facts bearing thereon. I refer to the paragraph which appeared in the Annapolis Spectator of the 10th inst., conveying the utterly baseless announcement that my visit was at the request of the Wolfville Town Council, the members of which body, having seen my report on Annapolis Sewerage, desired to see me as to the advisability of similar measures for Wolfville.

I made every endeavor, during the remainder of my otherwise most agreeable sojourn in Nova Scotia, to obtain an apology, in terms satisfactory to all the interests concerned, from the parties responsible for this unmitigated outrage. I have continued my efforts in that direction since my return home, not only without result, but without eliciting as much as an acknowledgment of a letter, dated 18th inst., laying the whole of the circumstances before the proprietors of the Company which professes to control the Spectator and its editor.

Under these circumstances, and as the matter affects the interests of prominent Wolfville residents, I solicit the use of your columns for the purpose of publishing the letter written to Mr. John B. Mills, M. P., immediately after my return from Wolfville to Annapolis. This gives a sufficiently comprehensive statement of the facts, and ought, in the opinion of those to whom it has been submitted, to have rendered all further correspondence unnecessary.

As it has not had this effect, I adopt the present as the first step towards fulfilling my own obvious obligations in a matter which has caused me infinite annoyance, and in which, through no act or omission on my part, many estimable people have been gratuitously involved.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully, JOHN S. HODGSON, Assoc. M. Inst. C. E. (England), Wellington, Mass., U. S. A., December 27th, 1897.

[corr.] Annapolis, N. S., December 11th, 1897, John B. Mills, Esq., Managing Director Spectator Office, Annapolis Royal.

DEAR SIR,—The Spectator of yesterday's date contains a statement to the effect that I had gone to Wolfville, on Thursday, "at the request of the Wolfville Town Council," in order to confer with that body as to the sewerage of the collegiate town.

This is not only absolutely untrue, so far as the reference to the Town Council is concerned, but is in direct contradiction to what I myself told your Mr. W. M. Alcorn on his informing me, last Wednesday, that he had written a "general" letter on the subject of my intended visit. That visit was made upon the invitation and as the guest of a Wolfville resident and former correspondent, wholly unconnected with the Town Council, and the appearance of the Spectator paragraph, freely distorted and canvassed in Wolfville on the evening of its publication, has not only placed me in a most invidious position but may not improbably entail far-reaching consequences of a still more serious character, due to antecedent circumstances connected with local sentiment on the sewerage question.

Having pledged myself to a public disclaimer as to the origin of this most unwarrantable interference with private and confidential communications, I now call your attention to the paragraph in question, and in clearing the members of the Wolfville Town Council from any imputations arising from their alleged participation in a purely personal and un-official visit to a neighboring town.

As a matter of comparatively insignificant import, but as illustrating the notorious inaccuracy of assertion and flippancy of comment which have given rise to this unfortunate episode, I may refer to the nineteen-line report, in the same issue of the Spectator, of the Annapolis town meeting held on the 24th inst. It is therein stated that I strongly advocated sewerage, and that Mr. R. J. Upinack and others were very strong against the idea.

Both these statements are false. My functions at the meeting were limited to reading a letter addressed to the Mayor on the question of available water-power, not for sewerage, but for electric lighting, and to answering three questions put by the town council's consulting engineer, on points connected with my scheme of sewerage for the town. I confined myself strictly to these questions, and nothing which I said at the meeting could in any tortuous language be construed as advocacy, or the reverse. In the same way, Mr. Upinack's remarks were directed solely to the general questions of expediency and practicability involved in the electric lighting proposal, and the only comment which might be regarded as in depreciation of sewerage was made by Mr. James Corbett, who expressed some reliance upon existing private drains in and across certain streets named by him.

I exceedingly regret the necessity imposed upon me of calling your attention to these glaring instances of negligence and inaccuracy in the conduct of a newspaper published under your auspices. I feel, however, that my own interests demand a prompt, authoritative, and effective explanation of the Wolfville matter, and that the interests of others may possibly be safeguarded, in the future, by the greater degree of care which it is not unreasonable to hope may be devoted to ensuring the strict accuracy of news items bearing upon personal concerns.

I remain, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully, JOHN S. HODGSON.

For the Christmas holidays the Dominion Atlantic railway will issue excursion return tickets at one first fare to all points, from December 21st to January 1st, inclusive, good to return till January 7th, 1898; and to Boston via Yarmouth from December 21st to 31st, inclusive, good to return till January 9th, 1898. The Dominion Atlantic railway has taken the initial step in offering to the public Christmas holiday excursion tickets to Boston—something which has never been done before. The Prince Edward leaves Yarmouth on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p. m.

Teachers' Institute.

The Teachers' Institute for District No. 5—Kings and Hants—was held in Hantsport on Wednesday and Thursday, December 22d and 23d, instant. One hundred teachers were in attendance. Prof. A. G. MacDonald, of the Normal School, Alexander McKay, Esq., Supervisor of the public schools in Halifax, and Prof. I. B. Oaks, Principal of Horton Academy, were present during all the sessions and contributed much to the success of the meetings. Besides these the Mayor of Hantsport, the town clergymen, and some of the other citizens, were present part of the time.

The first meeting was called to order by the President, Inspector Roscoe, at 10 a. m. After the enrollment of teachers and the appointment of Mr. Ernest Robinson to assist Principal Smith, as secretary, Principal N. J. Lockhart read a well prepared address of welcome to the Institute, in which he, in concise and impressive language, made all feel that it was well they came, and that the Hantsport teachers and the town's people were glad to receive those engaged in the noble work of teaching. The President replied, thanking Mr. Lockhart for the address of welcome and assuring him that the Institute most heartily accepted all the privileges thus offered. He expressed his pleasure in meeting so many of the teachers of his district at these meetings, thus showing their desire to improve every opportunity to better fit them for their work. He gave a very hearty welcome to our guests, Prof. MacDonald and Supervisor McKay. At this point a letter was read from Dr. McKay, Superintendent of Education, extending his best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all members of the Institute, with his regrets that he could not be present on account of a prior engagement to be at the same time with a more distant Institute, in a new locality, Tatamagouche.

The first paper was on "Time-tables," and was prepared by Mr. J. S. Layton, Principal of Maitland High School. In his absence and at the request of the President, Miss Elythberta Marchant read the paper. The paper set forth very clearly the necessity for carefully prepared time-tables as a means of securing the best, as well as the most work. The writer criticized the time-tables published in the Journal of Education. This admirable paper was discussed by Principals Robinson, of Berwick, and Smith, of Windsor, who regarded it a difficult matter to prepare a time-table for a whole year, for high schools. Prof. MacDonald thought it important to have a practical, workable time-table for the miscellaneous schools. He outlined one that had proved effective in one part of the United States. This made three divisions of the school life in common schools, viz: First, the initiation period, second, the observation period, and third, the thought period.

Supervisor McKay required time-tables posted in all his schools. He emphasized this view. The next paper on "A Review of the Superannuation Scheme for the Betterment of the Teachers of Nova Scotia," was read by Mr. John N. Sturk. He condemned the scheme presented at the Provincial Association, at Truro, but was in favor of the principle of superannuation on terms just to all. At a later stage, a lively discussion followed on this subject. This was introduced by Principal Robinson and participated in by a large number of teachers. At the conclusion of the discussion, the following resolution was passed with one dissenting voice: "That in the opinion of this Institute the principle of the superannuation of teachers is sound."

WEDNESDAY, P. M. The afternoon session began with a lesson to ten or twelve children of the primary grade of the Hantsport school, by their teacher, Miss Mabel C. Saunders. In this lesson she exhibited her method of teaching reading and number. Her method was interesting and original, and proved very effective. The lesson was favorably commented on by Supervisor McKay and others. The lesson was preceded and followed by a song from the class.

Mr. W. H. Woodworth then gave an illustration lesson in Mathematical Drawing. This was followed by a most instructive address on the same subject, by Prof. MacDonald. Drawings were put upon the board showing how to make and use the scale of chords, in the construction of figures, measurement of angles, etc., etc. The instrument needed were exhibited and the value of this kind of work commented upon. It was a valuable lesson to the teachers.

The subject "Public Examinations—their use and abuse" was next introduced by Principal Smith, who favored excursions on many grounds. Principal Lockhart, who had been asked to speak of the abuse of the examinations, thought that under present conditions examinations were a failure, and the time spent in them wasted. The subject was well discussed by Principals Robinson and

PHOTOS?

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Oaks, Miss Canavan, A. McN. Patterson, Esq., Rev. Mr. Fisher and the Inspector. Some of the points brought out were: (1) The value of the review of the term's work in preparation for the examination. (2) The interest created in the section. (3) The honest faithful teacher has his school always ready for an examination. (4) The honest faithful teacher has his school always ready for an examination. (5) He wishes his school to be seen at it is. (6) It gives an opportunity to call attention of parents and visitors to the condition of buildings, equipment, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. The public meeting of the Institute was held in Churchill's Hall, at 8 o'clock. It was a grand and inspiring gathering. The President called the meeting to order and announced that, at his request, the Mayor, Dr. Margeon, would preside. Dr. Margeon made a short address of welcome to the Institute and then proceeded with the programme placed in his hands.

1. Music, "Sweet and Low," the Hantsport Quartette. 2. A paper, "What can be done to improve the Common Schools?" Prof. A. G. MacDonald. He dwelt upon the plan of uniting several sections under one Board of trustees, establishing a good central high school, and providing for the collection of pupils at these schools after the plan now adopted for collecting milk for creameries. He also advocated carefully prepared time-tables and well trained teachers as means of improvement. 3. A paper, "Is the Common School Satisfactory? If not why not?" by Supervisor McKay. This, as well as the last paper, was bristled with live thoughts. Nothing like justice can be done by reporting them in fragments. The Supervisor said we have as fine a class of pupils in N. S. as can be found in the world. Our text-books, equipment, course of study, and general school system are good. To advance at other countries are advancing, we must provide a system for training teachers similar to the best. In countries where teaching is made a life work and a profession, the time required for this training is from three to eight years. After three years are spent in preparation, severe tests should be submitted to, and those who cannot pass, required to retire. When the full term is completed and candidates, who are found equal to all the tests, are admitted to the profession by being licensed, an annual salary should be provided by law and thus the teacher ensured against want when age prevents him from teaching. With such teachers, he feels sure, that other matters connected with the schools will be put right and the advance made that we ought to expect.

4. Music, "Come to the Wood," the male quartette. 5. Reading, "The Sioux Child's Daughters," Miss Jamieson, Wolfville. Miss Jamieson's rendering of this piece was listened to with marked attention and at its close she was heartily cheered. She responded by singing another agreeable selection. 6. Address by Rev. F. H. Wright, of Windsor, Dr. E. M. Keirstead, of Acadia College, Berwick, Fisher and Hatt, the town clergy. These addresses were all good. Dr. Keirstead was granted more time than the others, but the time was too short to develop the thought fully he intended to present. He enumerated the points he had thought of dwelling upon and left some of them for the teachers to follow out. The address was in the doctor's usual style and most helpful to teachers. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

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JOHN P. LYONS, Chairman, Kentville, July 24th, 1897.

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THE ACADIAN

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC.

Local and Provin

Aberdeen Bink was open this for the season on Wednesday. There was a good attendance.

The "Weak of Prayer" will be held in the different churches as usual next week, beginning at the Methodist church on Monday.

The members of Wolfville held a Christmas Tree on Monday. The presents were distributed. The dose of the regular society.

A big discount on all stock for cash only.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist will be dispensed in St. (Presbyterian) church next evening, Jan. 2, and in St. Grand Prix, on the same day.

The Acadian begs to receipt of pretty and useful from the "Commercial Sun" Insurance company. Their representatives in Wolfville, Crawley, Esq.

New Year Presents at prices at the Wolfville Book Store.

A Mothers' Meeting was held at the Temperance Hall on 6th, at 3.30 p. m. Subsequently, a cordial extended to all the women to be present on that occasion.

The merry peal of bells delivered our streets during the roads having been small snow-fall on Sunday. Efforts were made to make full which has been fully taken.

The "Columbia" Club has the Pope Mfg. Co. Columbia bicycle, is to 1898. The firm know a good article in catalogues, and both are lar. Messrs. Starr, Shor handle these celebrated season.

Don't miss the Big Fancy Goods at the Wolfville Book Store.

Since the 22nd of 1897 visitors have been here, of Canning, for Scott Act. After on paid three fines and \$216.55. On the 22nd of payment for the he was committed against last convictions and about \$145.00. Saw was fined for two liquor on his present jail along with McE's payment of fines. Keeper has also been offence and has left Canning has had a \$ many years.

WANTED.—An em maker. Apply to J.

The recital given Wednesday evening was a most enjoyable one. Hall was filled hour by a most and the general entertainment was a Besides the residents, both in vocal and Great Patriotic songs which were sung a brilliant C gave a number of and guitar; Mr. E. a quartette consisting and Laura Masten. Mr. Brown gave a chorale.